

Delaware State Police Issues Scam Alert Advisory

Delaware – The Delaware State Police is providing a Scam Alert Advisory. This is a general alert that is applicable to the entire State of Delaware.

The Delaware State Police has been investigating possible on-line sexual extortion cases. This information is to inform the public about this current online scam/fraud.

Individuals have been receiving emails, texts and chat room invitations encouraging them to send images of themselves depicted in various stages of undress (nude or sexual photos). If the individual sends a photo, he/she is immediately solicited for money or threatened that the photo will be shared with the individual's friends, employers, or the public, causing embarrassment or alarm.

If an individual receives these invitations and/or requests, below are guidelines to follow:

- **NEVER** send anyone a photo or information of yourself that you would not share publicly, especially to individuals you don't know. If you are over the age of 18, it is not a crime to willingly send a photo unless there is an exchange of money from a threat.
- Remember... **SEND IS FOREVER.**
- **IGNORE** the request (**DON'T SEND ANYTHING THEY REQUEST**) and advise you will be contacting the police.

Individuals that have ignored the request typically have not been harassed or solicited again, these predators usually move on to the next person, trying to extort money from them.

To read about other Frauds, Scams and Alerts, go to the Federal Communications Commission website: [Frauds, Scams and](#)

[Alerts | Federal Communications Commission \(fcc.gov\)](#)

If you have been a victim of this scam/fraud because of exchanging US Currency, please contact Sgt. K. Wells of the Delaware State Police High Tech Crimes Unit 302-741-2766. Information may also be provided by calling Delaware Crime Stoppers at 1-800-TIP-3333 or via the internet at <http://www.delaware.crimestoppersweb.com>.

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